

CLEAN VERSION OF EACH REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM ANDINSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTRY

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8 2. The holding device of claim 21, wherein said foodstuff is electrically conductive, and said control means includes a first electrically conductive member electrically associated with said housing and a second electrically conductive member electrically associated with said foodstuff, said first and second electrically conductive members adapted to be electrically connected by body portions of said manipulator that physically connect said first and second electrically conductive members.

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10 14. The holding device of claim 9 18, wherein said control means regulates said sound based upon a conductivity of said circuit assembly, said conductivity being a product of said interaction between said manipulator and said foodstuff.

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9 18. The combination of a foodstuff and a holding device that produces different interactive levels of a sensory effect based upon manipulation thereof by a manipulator, said holding device comprising a rigid housing assembly having a means for holding foodstuff and a foodstuff member removably secured to said rigid housing, said rigid housing assembly including output means for producing at least one sensory effect selected from the group consisting of sound, light, movement, vibration, electrical stimulation, and odor generation at variable levels, a power supply for energizing said output means, said power supply being

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electrically coupled to said output means through a circuit assembly, said output means altering said levels of said at least one sensory effect by physical interaction between said foodstuff member and said manipulator wherein said manipulation causes corresponding changes in the level of said effect wherein said output means includes a control means, said control means regulates said at least one sensory effect based upon a capacitance of said circuit assembly, said capacitance being a product of said interaction between said manipulator and said foodstuff, wherein said foodstuff is optically conductive and said control means regulates said at least one sensory effect based upon an amount of light passing into a light registering member through said foodstuff.

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18. The holding device of claim 18, wherein said output means includes a voltage-controlled oscillator, and said at least one sensory effect includes at least one tone produced by said voltage-controlled oscillator upon electric completion of said circuit assembly, said at least one tone having a frequency proportional to said amount of light.

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21. The combination of a foodstuff and a holding device that produces different levels of a sensory effect based upon manipulation thereof by a manipulator, said holding device

E4 comprising a rigid housing assembly having a means for holding foodstuff and a foodstuff member removably secured to said rigid housing, said rigid housing assembly including output means for producing at least one sensory effect selected from the group consisting of sound, light, movement, vibration, electrical stimulation, and odor generation at variable levels, said variable levels being proportionate to the relationship between said manipulator and said foodstuff member, a power supply for energizing said output means, said power supply being electrically coupled to said output means through a circuit assembly, said output means altering said levels of said at least one sensory effect by physical interaction between said foodstuff member and said manipulator wherein said manipulation causes corresponding changes in the level of said effect.

wherein [:] said foodstuff is electrically conductive[;], and said control means includes a first electrically conductive member electrically associated with said housing and a second electrically conductive member electrically associated with said foodstuff, said first and second electrically conductive members adapted to be electrically connected by body portions of [an individual] said manipulator that physically connect said first and second electrically conductive members.

14. (Once amended) The holding device of claim [10] 18, wherein [:] said control means regulates said sound based upon a conductivity of said circuit assembly, said conductivity being a product of said interaction between said manipulator and said foodstuff.

18. (Twice amended) [21. (Once amended)] The combination of a foodstuff and a holding device that produces different interactive levels of a sensory effect based upon manipulation thereof by a manipulator, said holding device comprising a rigid housing assembly having a means for holding foodstuff and a foodstuff member removably secured to said rigid housing, said rigid housing assembly including output means for producing at least one sensory effect selected from the group consisting of sound, light, movement, vibration, electrical stimulation, and odor generation at variable levels, a power supply for energizing said output means, said power supply being electrically coupled to said

output means through a circuit assembly, said output means altering said levels of said at least one sensory effect by physical interaction between said foodstuff member and said manipulator wherein said manipulation causes corresponding changes in the level of said effect [10. (Once amended) The holding device of claim 21] wherein[:] said output means includes a control means, said control means regulates [said sound] said at least one sensory effect based upon a capacitance of said circuit assembly, said capacitance being a product of said interaction between said manipulator and said foodstuff [18. (Once amended) The holding device of claim 10] , wherein[:] said foodstuff is optically conductive[;] and said control means regulates [said sound] said at least one sensory effect based upon an amount of light passing into a light registering member through said foodstuff.

19. (Once amended) The holding device of claim 18, wherein [:] said output means includes a voltage-controlled oscillator[;], and said [sound] at least one sensory effect includes at least one tone produced by said voltage-controlled oscillator upon electric completion of said circuit assembly, said at least one tone having a frequency proportional to said amount of light.

21. (Twice amended) The combination of a foodstuff and a holding device that produces different levels of a sensory effect

based upon manipulation thereof by a manipulator, said holding device comprising a rigid housing assembly having a means for holding foodstuff and a foodstuff member removably secured to said rigid housing, said rigid housing assembly including output means for producing at least one sensory effect selected from the group consisting of sound, light, movement, vibration, electrical stimulation, and odor generation at variable levels, said variable levels being proportionate to the relationship between said manipulator and said foodstuff member, a power supply for energizing said output means, said power supply being electrically coupled to said output means through a circuit assembly, said output means altering said levels of said at least one sensory effect by physical interaction between said foodstuff member and said manipulator wherein said manipulation causes corresponding changes in the level of said effect.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of Oct, 23, 2001, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-16, 18-19, and 21-28 stand rejected as unsupported by the disclosure because the recitation,